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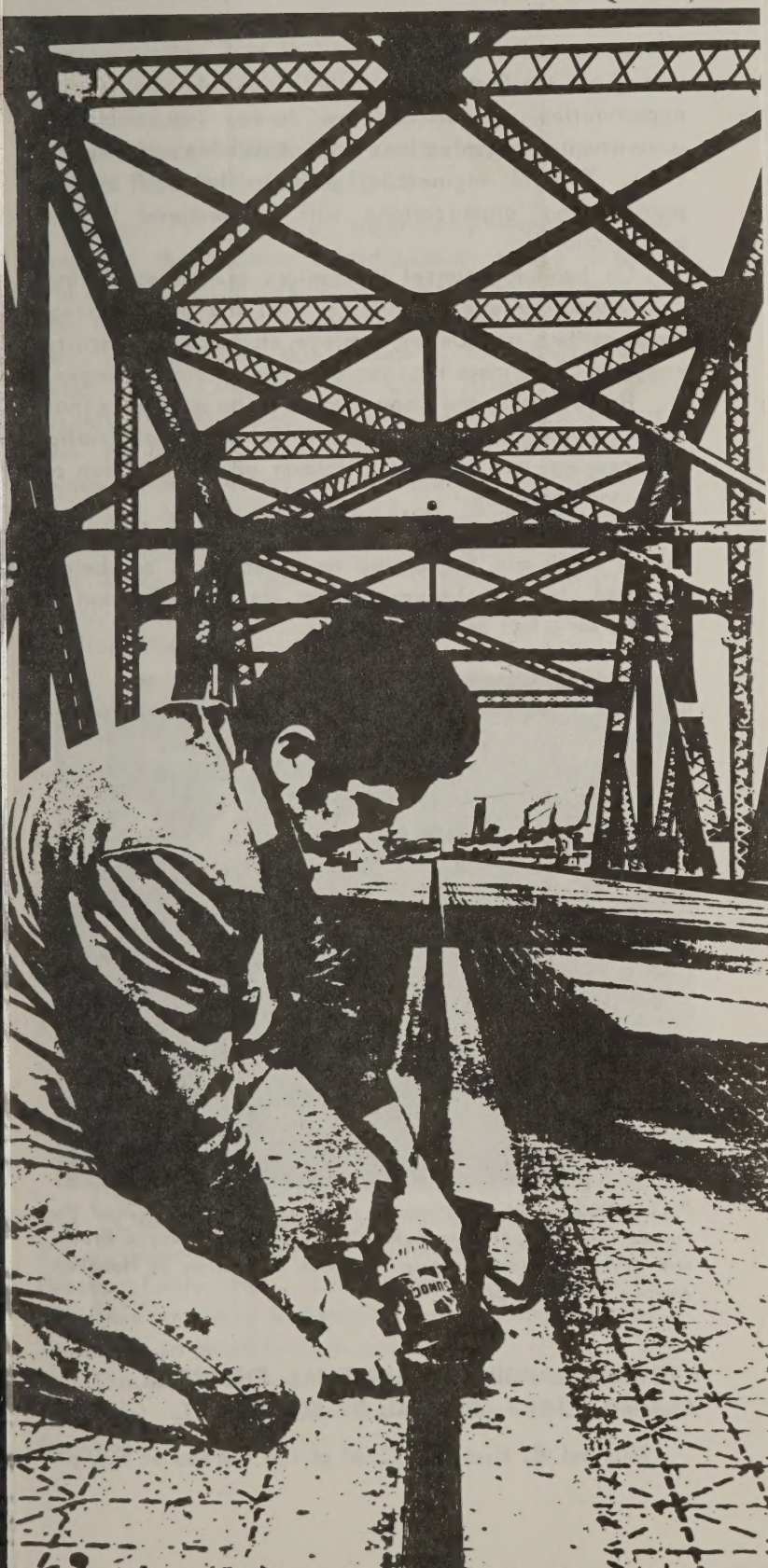


DOT ENGINEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ENGINEERING CAREER DAY PROGRAM

Department engineers together with other members of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers will answer questions and help the more than 1100 New Jersey high school juniors to be selected to attend the Sixteenth Annual Engineering Career Day Program March 22 at Rutgers University, announced Program Chairman Donald J. Mauer, Supervising Engineer in charge of the Department's Field Survey Section.

The program, offered as a "student public service," is designed to spell out the challenges of an engineering education and career for qualified high school juniors throughout the State. Also, it will highlight engineering opportunities at various New Jersey industrial and governmental organizations and consulting engineering firms. Typical engineering problems handled by the participating organizations will be featured in the presentations.

On hand to counsel the juniors will be exhibiting and executive-level engineers from the participating organizations and Deans, college students and faculty members of the more than ten area engineering colleges.

Representing the Department will be engineers (not yet announced at press time) from the Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Louis C. Holman of the Division of Personnel Services.

Approximately 50 classrooms in Scott Hall and Murray Hall and the dining room facilities are being provided by the University on its New Brunswick campus for a full day of activities.

PATCHING – – Maintenance Workers of Crew 222 of the Jersey City Yard, (left to right) Carlos Rosado, Dwayne Brown and Ruben Wilson, prepare to patch a section of Hoboken Avenue in Jersey City.

KJETSAA APPOINTED REGIONAL ENGINEER, ALAIMO, CHIEF, BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT

Michael B. Kjetsaa, Chief of the Bureau of Equip-

ment, has been appointed Regional Engineer of Region IV, and Alfonso F. Alaimo, Project Engineer of the Bureau of Equipment, has been designated Chief of the Bureau of Equipment, announced James R. Schuyler, Chief Engineer, Construction and Maintenance.

Mr. Kjetsaa, who joined the Department in 1961 as an Assistant Engineer Trainee, will be headquartered in Haddonfield and will assume the duties and responsibilities formerly vested in Mr. Charles T. Edson who is the Assistant Chief Engineer of the Division of Construction and Maintenance.

Mr. Kjetsaa held the positions of Assistant Engineer, Senior Engineer, Mechanical and Principal Engineer and in 1973, he was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Equipment.

He designed and developed the computerized Fleet Management System which provides a comprehensive informational system for the management of the Department's fleet of equipment.

A licensed Professional Engineer, he received a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Villanova University.

Mr. Alaimo joined the Department January 1975 as a Project Engineer after serving six years as an engineer with the Division of Building and Construction of the Department of Treasury. He worked for a short time as an engineer for Eastern Air Lines and eight years as an engineer with the Naval Propulsion Test Center in Ewing Township.

He was project Engineer for the Department's purchase of 866 new buses and developed a Design Criteria Guide for all engineering consultants working on State projects.

A licensed Professional Engineer in New Jersey and New York, Mr. Alaimo graduated with a B.S. degree in marine engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and attended Columbia University and Rider College.

He served as Chief Engineer aboard Naval Ships of the Sixth Fleet for two years during the Korean conflict, and recently retired from the Naval Reserves with the rank of Commander.

NEW SOCIAL SECURITY AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DEDUCTIONS ARE IN FORCE

By this time, no doubt, you are aware that Uncle Sam has increased the Social Security tax (FICA), effective with the paycheck issued January 6, 1978.

The FICA tax has been increased from 5.8 % on the first $16,500 of your salary to 6.05 on the first $17,700 of your salary. The new maximum is $1,070.85 vs. $965.25 in 1977. In addition to this increase, the State--as your employer--has also been socked with a similar amount as its share of the total tax.

If you live in Pennsylvania and have submitted a Certificate of Non-Residence, the Pennsylvania Income

Tax has been withheld from your salary--effective with the paycheck issued January 6, 1977--instead of the New Jersey Gross Income Tax.

Most state, county and municipal workers will be protected by the unemployment insurance program as of January 1, 1978. Coverage is mandated by Public Law known as the Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1976, enacted on October 20, 1976.

Consequently, effective in your January 20, 1978 paycheck, unemployment insurance was deducted from most State employees at the rate of 5% on the first $6,200 of your salary or $31 per year.

According tothe New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Law, laid off State workers will now be able to collect an unemployment insurance check in an amount up to a maximum of about $104 for approximately 26 weeks.

Unemployment insurance coverage is extended to all classified and unclassified, and permanent and temporary positions, as well as part-time workers, according to information received in a Guide on Unemployment Insurance in New Jersey prepared by the Department of Labor and Industry.

If you signed up for the New Jersey State Dental Benefits Program, deductions, in accordance with selected coverage, were made in paychecks issued January 20, 1978.

Bill Bennett (top left) and Frank Kierepka check the power generator while Andrew Verdi paints the inside of a small compartment of the trailer.

DOI & I TRACTOR-TRAILER REFURNISHED BY DOT MECHANICS

Personnel of the Bureau of Equipment recently repaired and repainted a sophisticated tractor-trailer owned by the Office of Tourism and Promotions with the Department of Labor and Industry through a mutual agreement with the Department of Transportation.

The work, which was done on Monday and Tuesday nights and Saturdays during a six-month period, was performed by John Relak, Charles S. Yates, and William Bennett, Mechanics; Andrew Verdi, Painter, Howard Hooper and Ralph Daniels, Body and Fender Mechanics, and Frank Kierepka, Mechanic Foreman.

Some of the work included overhauling the tractor's transmission and clutch, tuning the engine; repairing the trailer's 110-volt A.C. electrical system, the D.C. power generator, heating and air conditioning systems, locks and doors, outside lights, the trailer's telescoping sides, and painting both the tractor and trailer blue and yellow.

SCHOOL IS OUT FOR 37 OTHER TRAINING COMPLETED

School is out for 37 supervisory employees who completed the Contract Administration course recently held at Rutgers University. They are: John Aneskewich, John Ash, Angelo B. Auletta, Sandy Battaglia, William Betz, Anthony Borovskis, Bruce S. Broadbent, Walter Camp, Andy Campbell, Art Carl, Albert Celentano, Russell Chamberlain, John Cleary, Dana Damon, John F. Danley, Frank Deboskey, G. R. Gramlich, Nelson Green, Albert R. Hasbrouck, John Kennedy, Joe Kisko, Irwin Lawler, Joe Licari, Donald Mauer, Jr., Carl McCall, John Mycoff, Raymond Papa, William Pohle, Mark Ritter, Frank Rubino, S. H. Runyon, Douglas A. Sailey, John Tucci, Joseph Unangst, Warren Vincentz, and Ross Wiesmann.

The course upgraded the skills of the enrollee in the method of responding to and handling grievances, the arbitration process, and report writing for an arbitration hearing.

In other training, three Department engineers completed a three-day workshop conducted by the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, and nine employees finished the Language Skills course conducted by Patricia Druz of Civil Service.

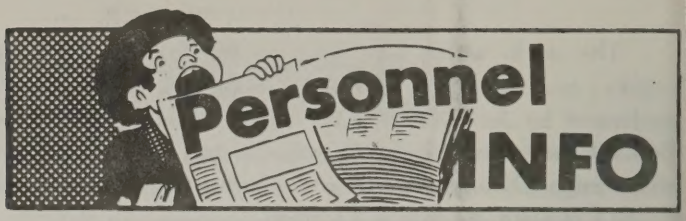
The three who completed the workshop are: Carmen J. Pappaceno, Principal Engineer; James Avillo, Senior Engineer; and John Nickens, Project Engineer.

The workshop consisted of three sessions on computations, two on theodolites, and one on electronic distance measuring.

Those who completed the Language skills course are: Charlene Brennfleck, Roseanne Corrigan, Joyce Ellis, Roseanne Garzillo, Frances Golas, Charlita Green, Emily Holt, Linda Jardine, Mary Kanda.

This course is designed to increase the employee's knowledge in basic English principles.

The workshop and the courses were coordinated by personnel of the Bureau of Training and Employee Services.



DISABILITY LEAVE: SICK LEAVE INJURY (SLI) APPROVAL

Any employee who is disabled because of job-related injury or disease may, at the recommendation of the appointing authority and approval of the Civil Service Department, be granted a leave of absence with pay. This leave, called "Sick Leave Injury" (SLI), however, is limited to no more than one year from the date of the injury.

When an employee is injured on the job, the Dispensary in whatever area the employee may be working should be notified of the injury. After medical treatment is rendered and/or lost time is involved, an L & L-1 Accident Report must be completed by the employee and his supervisor within two working days from the date the injury occurred. Before SLI can be granted, the report should be submitted to the employee's supervisor who will channel it to the respective Dispensary, or to the Employee Health Services Section in the Main Building, for approval.

Pending SLI approval, the employee's injury time will have been charged against the employee's accumulated sick leave time. The sick leave time will be restored immediately upon approval of the injury claim. Also, while an employee is out of work and on the approved SLI, he or she will continue to accrue both sick and vacation leave credits.

If an employee fails to contact the Department's Employee Health Services Section through his or her supervisor and seeks his or her own medical service for an on-the-job injury, the employee will be off from work on his or her own time and no authorization will be given for the payment of any bills. NOTE: The only exception of this would be in an emergency situation where medical services are required after working hours or on a weekend. In this case, the Employee Health Services Section should be notified on the following work day.

If a Department employee who has sustained an on-the-job injury and is being treated by the Department Dispensary personnel elects to seek his or her own medical service, the SLI benefit will be terminated. A recommendation will then be made to the Claims Service Section, Department of Law and Public Safety to review the matter to determine if the employee is eligible for Workmens Compensation benefits.

Questions may be directed to the Employee Health Services Section, 609-292-3206.

CO-WORKERS VISIT JOHN KNOX

Co-workers and friends recently visited John Knox in his Clinton, New Jersey home to present him with a certificate from Governor Brendan Byrne, a retirement award and a portrait of himself, drawn by Gabe Palmieri, Maintenance Worker II. Because of illness, John Knox, who recently retired with more than 37 years of service in bridge maintenance, was unable to attend a retirement affair honoring his service with the Department.

Left to right are John Knox, Worth Cunningham, Chief, Bureau of Maintenance, and Edward Flynn, Supervisor, Bridge and Structures.

Well wishers may mail cards and letters to Mr. Knox at his Clinton home, 134 Center Street, 08809.

RETIREES

James R. Flynn, Senior Engineer with Design (49 years); Joseph Niemotka, Supervisor, Bridge Operator with T.O.L.A (40 years; Claire R. Brown, Chief, Bureau of Budget Analysis with Management and Budget (39 years); Joseph M. Lynch, Electrical Mechanic I with T.O.L.A (30 years); Arthur A. Lennard, Highway Marker with Construction and Maintenance and Ellen Woodell, Head Data Entry Machine Operator with Data Processing, both (25 years); Louis J. Mongovi, Principal Right of Way Negotiator with Right of Way (22 years); Carmen J. Deluca, Maintenance Worker I and William A. Kearns, Foreman, Bridges and Structure both with Construction and Maintenance, and Catherine Whitaker, Senior Clerk with Planning and Research (21 years each); Eleanor W. Hauck, Senior Clerk Stenographer with Design (17 years); Richard M. Craig, Senior Right of Way Negotiator with Right of Way (11 years); and Lewis Schienholz, Bridge Operator I with T.O.L.A (8 years).

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
DIVISION OF PENSIONS
P. O. BOX 2058
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

The forms may be obtained from the Department of Transportation's own Payroll Section located in the Main Building in Trenton, or by calling 609-292-6064.

If you are in doubt as to who is the beneficiary on your Department insurance policy, you may obtain the current name by writing to:

MRS. DELORES SKWARA, SUPERVISOR
BENEFICIARY SECTION
DIVISION OF PENSIONS
20 WEST FRONT STREET
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

For the employee's own protection, the change will not be made and the name of the current beneficiary will not be given during any telephone conversation, it MUST be done in writing.

Roger E. Reidinger, Electrical Mechanic I with the Electrical Bureau, pours oil into the gear box through an outlet on the Route 35 Victory Bridge, a swing bridge located over the Raritan River.

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